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(a) nucleic acid molecules which hybridize under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:38 and SEQ ID NO:43, and which code for a sarcoma associated gene product,

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- [(b) deletions, additions and substitutions of the nucleic acid molecules of (a), which code for a sarcoma associated gene product,]
- [(c)] (b) nucleic acid molecules that differ from the nucleic acid molecules of (a) [or (b)] in codon sequence due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, and
 - [(d)] (c) complements of (a)[,] and (b) [and (c)].
- 9. (amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a unique fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth as nucleotides 1-1997 of SEQ ID NO:38 between 12 and 1996 nucleotides in length, which encodes a portion of SEQ ID NO:39,
- (b) a unique fragment of the nucleotide sequence set forth as nucleotides 1-2442 of SEQ ID NO:43 between 12 and 2441 nucleotides in length, which encodes a portion of SEQ ID NO:44, and
- (c) complements of (a) and (b), wherein the unique fragment excludes nucleic acid molecules completely composed of the nucleotide sequences of GenBank accession numbers U89672 or AA213817.

Cy Subj 43. A kit for detecting the presence of the expression of a tumor associated polypeptide precursor encoded by SEQ ID NO:43, comprising a first isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a 12-32 nucleotide contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:43, and a second isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a 12-32 nucleotide contiguous segment of the complement of SEQ ID NO:43, wherein the contiguous segments are nonoverlapping.

Please add the following new claim:

60. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of

(a) nucleic acid molecules which hybridize under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide sequence set-forth as SEQ ID NO:1, and which code for a sarcoma associated gene product,

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